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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
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SUBJECT : ODP Report for Week ending 4 February 1977

Assessing Impact of Delaying 4th and 5th Large Scale Computers

A memorandum was written to the SDA assessing the impact of deferring the 4th and 5th large scale computers until FY-79 or later. These computers are programmed in our FY-78 budget at a level of \$475,000 for the 4th computer and \$1.5M for the 5th computer.

Use of Contractor Personnel

The D/ODP briefed the A/DDO on the use of contractor personnel in support of ODP data processing operations. This briefing was a result of the DDO objection to use of contractor personnel on PERSIGN-II development. It was agreed that contractors could be used on PERSIGN-II development and that other measures would be taken to protect sensitive DDO personnel data.

OC/ODP Planning Group

A draft charter of the Office of Communications and ODP Planning Group has been completed.

CAMS

CAMS continues to send, receive, and process operational messages to and from Area 58. Sporadic interruptions of service due to failure of hardware, software, or DATEX, have caused some messages to backlog in the system. The backlog is usually processed during the next working day.

TADS

A pre-release of the [REDACTED] System Specification was distributed for government internal review and comment. The constructive criticism will be collected and presented to [REDACTED]

The effort to identify the 1300 sq. feet for the TADS contractor within the Ames building is an ongoing one.

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RAPID

The incoming material from [REDACTED] continues to be satisfactory with the exception of one subsystem which is larger than good modular design would indicate. The contractor is reluctant to change this design and the Agency must determine whether to tolerate the risk that this entails or to demand a redesign. This will be done prior to the meeting scheduled at [REDACTED] during the week of 21 February.

Mr. [REDACTED] has been assigned CORR for the RAPID Project in order to get the full-time undivided attention required for the direction of this Project.

ADSTAR

The Technical specification for the ADSTAR System has been completed for internal review. Meetings have been held with the Office of Logistics on the space requirements. A proposal has been received for the study of the soft copy image distribution function and it is planned that this will be funded as an adjunct to an Office of Research and Development project with the same vendor.

SAFE

The DIA has withdrawn its RFP for initial system study of requirements and prospective designs for ADISS. This indicates a delay of six months to a year as a minimum for that program and will change the mode of coordination such that it might be more fruitful, but such benefits would be deferred. It will certainly make the coordination at the working level one of exchange of information on system design and requirements rather than of impeding progress by trying to reach consensus on elements already under development.

Support to Office of Personnel

PERSIGN - Integrated personnel information system. The PERSIGN documentation system is completed. This tool will allow for the creation and easy modification of documentation for PERSIGN using a GIM data base to collect the information.

Support to Office of Finance

GAS - General Accounting System. The tortoise has caught up with the hare; GAS is now processing daily activity on a current basis.

Support to Office of Medical Services

PSYSTAT - General purpose matrix programs used in assessment of test scores. Selected programs for the latest UCLA Biomedical (BMD) Program Library have been installed on the GC-03 Batch system.

Support to Office of Data Processing

TELECOM - Communication support for computer system. The software development phase for this project is nearing completion. The project team is preparing an installation plan detailing the milestones that will have to be achieved for this software to become production. We still do not have a firm operational date for the Office of Communications' CDS system.

Processing Accomplishments

GIMS Release 3.1 was brought up on the CAMPROD system in GC-47 on 1 February. All critical GIMS-related CAMS problems have been completed.

A copy of the MFP for the fourth major computer system was sent to PD/OL on 26 January.

Processing Problems

A full Center test of the MVS/JBS system was conducted on the weekend of 29-30 January. Major problems were encountered with the channel-to-channel software and multiplexer device hardware. A tentative solution has been found for the channel-to-channel problems and will be tested the weekend of 5-6 February.

The CAMS State Department terminal is still out of service. The problem is in the communications circuit between NSA and State and is the responsibility of NSA. We are monitoring their performance.

Training

The last 5 days of an eight day GIM II Dictionaries course was completed by 13 students.

Programming for MVS, part of the ODP Presents series, was presented to ODP personnel.

Two tours of the ODP Computer Center, General Center Extension, and EPS System were presented to 46 ODP personnel.

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